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Roughing it on the streets for charity

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Mick Harford writes for MK NEWS

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Family: Helen and Pete Carter with Hollie and Josh

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- NIEMANN Pick disease type C (NP-C) is a rare inherited metabolic condition.
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Mum's plea to PM: 'Save my little girl'

BY ANNA MAUREMOOTOO

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A MOTHER is pleading with the Prime Minister to help keep her beautiful little girl alive.

Seven-year-old Hollie Carter, of Emerson Valley, Milton Keynes suffers from a rare, untreatable, condition.

She needs special medication to live but her mum Helen fears that funding for key drugs could be cut under the new Social Care Act.

Hollie, who attends Long Meadow Primary School, seems like any other playful child, but at the age of two she was diagnosed with Niemann-Pick disease Type C (NP-C).

She receives treatment commissioned by the Advisory Group for National Specialised Services (AGNSS) but this unit is now being abolished.

Mrs Carter said: "This has thrown us into complete uncertainty and the unknown.

"We're living in constant fear of this disease and we're battling everything to make sure Hollie gets the best quality of life. But this just puts added pressure on us as a family.

"I strongly believe that the therapy she is currently taking is holding the full brutal onset of this life-limiting, terminal illness at bay.

"If I took Hollie off this drug tomorrow I dread to think what would happen." AGNSS is a group of specialists that advises health ministers on which services should be nationally commissioned.

But from April next year the National Institute for Health and Clinical Excellence (NICE) will take over this role.

Mrs Carter added: "NICE are looking at low cost, high quantity drugs. We believe that this is a cost cutting exercise and somewhere along the line high cost drugs are going to get cut. For us it's an absolute disaster because Hollie's drugs could be taken away from her if they decided that the quality of life versus the cost wasn't worth it.

"I don't want to have to stand in front of NICE and fight for my child's future."

Mrs Carter has written to Iain Stewart, MP for Milton Keynes South, urging him to raise the issue in Parliament and has also contacted Prime Minister David Cameron.

She said: "The Prime Minister had a son who sadly died of an ultra-rare disease so we've said to him we hope he's got some empathy for where we're coming from and that we need these services and drugs."

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Image: Pushwagner's design on MK Gallery's main entrance

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Bid to get youngsters more active in politics

BY ANNA MAUREMOOTOO
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A CAMPAIGN to get young people interested in politics has been launched by a concerned councillor.

Following an article in MK NEWS revealing political apathy among young voters, Don Hoyle, councillor for Loughton Park, has leapt into action.

Cllr Hoyle, whose ward includes Hazely Academy and Denbigh School, has decided to run an engagement campaign in his area to get more young people involved and create further political awareness. He was shocked into action after it was revealed that constituent, Gorgina Braithwistel, 18, did not know the difference between MPs and councillors.

He said: "I was extremely alarmed to learn that some young people thought the MPs ran the council.

"I hope that by spearheading this campaign it will kick start a greater political awareness for young people around the city and make it easier for them to get involved."

Cllr Hoyle hopes to run different events around the ward for young people to enable them to ask questions and get introduced to local government at different levels.

Andy Maric, representative for Newport Pagnell South, is the youngest member of the council at just 22.

He said: "It's a really good initiative. The main reason young people don't get into politics is because they don't understand it.

"I got elected when I was 20 and got into politics when I was about 18 because I've lived in Newport Pagnell all my life and I wanted to give something back to the community. I do sometimes forget that I'm 22."

Donation: Carlos Williams and Danni Hussey inside the Springfield Initiative that is waiting to be painted

MK News to the rescue to get club painted

A YOUTH club that was hit by an arson attack will be given a fresh lick of paint – thanks to MK NEWS.

Children were left in tears when a fire seriously damaged the Springfield Initiative but this newspaper nominated the club for Dulux's Let's Colour project – which provides free paint and manpower to worthy causes.

The application was accepted and a re-opening date of next month is on the cards, thanks to the 20 volunteers and 180 litres of paint which will be provided.

Commuters promised 'benefits'

RAIL commuters from Milton Keynes will 'benefit from a package of improvements' according to the Department for Transport.

That pledge comes after a new operator was announced for the West Coast Mainline which runs through the city.

First West Coast Limited, part of FirstGroup, won the tender for the franchise ahead of three other bidders, including previous operators Virgin Trains.

After the announcement Conservative Rail Minister Theresa Villiers said: "This new franchise will deliver big improvements for passengers, with more seats and plans for more services.

"Targets to meet on passenger satisfaction will be introduced for the first time in an InterCity rail franchise and passengers will also benefit from smart ticketing and from investment in stations."

The franchise deal is worth £5.5billion (net present value) over the lifetime of the contract.

Holiday park one step closer

A MULTI-million-pound holiday park is one step closer this week after a construction deal was announced.

Building of the 625 lodges at the planned Woburn Forest Center Parcs site at Warren Wood will begin in November by firm ISG with the firm aiming to open in Spring 2014.

The Netherlands-based company says the environment has been at the forefront of the construction, with sustainable timber and modern insulation to be used in the building process.

CP Chief executive officer Martin Dalby said: "High quality accommodation is a huge part of the Center Parcs experience, so we are delighted to have signed this very important contract with ISG."

The project is likely to create 1,200 jobs with another 1,500 expected once the holiday park is open.

MKNEWSBRIEFS

Fantastic job for Mr Fox

THE Milton Keynes and North Bucks Chamber of Commerce has announced that Colin Fox is to be appointed as permanent Chief Executive following a nine month role as interim Chief Executive.

Charity cycle raises £7k

A MILTON Keynes man successfully completed a 300-mile sponsored London to Paris cycle. Graham Aird, senior product manager at Makita UK, Milton Keynes, and his cycling companion Martin Sisley raised £7,000 in aid of Makita's inaugural charity, Breast Cancer Care.

Teenager is robbed

A 17-YEAR-OLD boy was assaulted and robbed as he walked from Loughton to Shenley Church End on Monday. At around 12.21am he saw a group of men, one on a BMX bike. As he walked through the underpass he was pushed and he hit his head on the brick wall, before being assaulted by the group. The victim managed to get away but then realised his wallet had been taken. Anyone with information call 101.

At the scene: Floral tributes where Rehan died

Family's tribute to 'adored' Rehan

BY ADAM GRINSELL
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THE family of a 19-year-old tragically killed in a car accident have paid tribute to their 'much loved son, brother and grandson'.

An abundance of flowers has also been left to create a shrine to former Denbigh School pupil Rehan Shafiq at the place where he died on Buckingham Road in Bletchley.

Rehan was killed at around 11.20pm on Monday, August 13 after the silver Seat Ibiza he was driving hit a lamppost east of the busy road's junction with Newton Road and Shenley Road. He died at the scene.

In a statement his family said: "Rehan was a much loved son, brother and grandson, whose happiness lay in performing selfless deeds for others.

"He was a role model who was adored by all those who knew him.

"Rehan was a bright young man who showed maturity, empathy and intelligence beyond his years. Words cannot describe the struggle to come to terms with the enormity of his loss.

"We will cherish his memories in our hearts until we meet again in the Hereafter. We'd like to thank the emergency services for their efforts at the scene, the staff of Milton Keynes Hospital and Crownhill Coroner's Office."

Victim: Rehan Shafiq, aged 19

At the site of the collision, many left messages thanking the teenager for being such a gentleman.

One emotional message read: "The only person who I cared for unconditionally. I love you more."

Police are investigating whether the matter is linked to a second separate collision, believed to have happened around 20 minutes later on the same road near the junction of Whaddon Way, involving a blue Vauxhall Corsa and a black Citroen Saxo.

Witnesses are still being called for, specifically occupants of a blue hatchback, possibly a Fiat Punto, who may have witnessed the fatal smash, anyone travelling on Buckingham Road between 11.15 and 11.25pm, and two men who got off an Arriva bus near the scene – a white man wearing a white shirt and carrying a shoulder bag and a black man wearing a green T-shirt.

If you can help, call 101.

■ Three men from Milton Keynes, two aged 22 and one 24, were arrested at the scene of the collision near Whaddon Way in connection with the fatal crash. All three have been released on bail until September 26.

MKNEWS BRIEFS

Train derailment

COMMUTERS journeys were delayed on Monday after a freight train derailed near Bletchley.

Lines were re-opened shortly after 9am.

Missing women found

TWO women who were reported missing in separate incidents have been found safe and well.

The first, a woman whose name and age is unknown, was reported absent from a health-care facility in Central Milton Keynes. The second, Kimberley McGuire, 22, was reported missing from an address in Milton Keynes on Thursday evening.

thecentre:mk plans submitted

A PLANNING application for redevelopment plans has been submitted to Milton Keynes Council.

This follows a public consultation which thecentre:mk say demonstrated public approval overall.

More than 1,200 members of the public attended the exhibition presenting plans to bring Primark to Central Milton Keynes.

Of those attending, 70 per cent said they believed that enabling Primark to build a new retail space at thecentre:mk was 'positive for the city'.

Almost 60 per cent of respondents said they understood that removing the south side of the bridge is integral to plans.

A spokesman for thecentre:mk said: "We are pleased to be able to submit the planning application for the extension this week.

"It marks a period of statutory consultation where we will be reinforcing our commitment to the much-loved market.

"Our belief is this development is the key to unlocking the redevelopment of central Milton Keynes."

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Restore the fairness in the cost of rail travel

SIR - The news that Milton Keynes commuters are facing yet another ticket price hike comes as little surprise in Rip Off Britain (Passengers not chuffed as rail ticket prices soar, MK NEWS, August 15).

The privatised railway companies alongside the privatised gas and electricity companies have never had it so good. Excessive profits are the norm as these avaricious companies turn the screw on their defenceless consumers.

The fuel companies are also engaging in unreasonable profiteering with record fuel prices anticipated in the next few months.

The coalition Government, who appear incapable of sorting out the scandalous behaviour of our banks and their obscene bonus culture, seem equally powerless to control these privatised companies on whom we all depend.

People in Milton Keynes, and elsewhere in the country, are having their pay and pensions cut, their benefits reduced and their housing costs increased at the same time as some private companies are indulging in rampant profiteering and massive tax avoidance.

The balance in our society under this coalition Government is becoming unacceptable and action needs to be taken in order to restore a sense of fairness.

Dave Brunwin
Stony Stratford

Hear Andrew's message on mainline franchise

SIR - Since your paper went to press, the fiasco of rail privatisation has just got even worse with the announced switch of franchise on the West Coast Mainline.

Labour candidate Andrew Pakes' comment that the fare increases are 'nothing short of a licensed racket' are to be greatly welcomed and thanks are due to him for his efforts in this cause.

This campaign could greatly boost his status.

I only hope that his message gets heard in party headquarters, since the Labour record on the railways was not a glowing success.

Also, his national party leaders have not so far been heard to condemn the latest moves in the way that Mr Pakes has.

Frederick Toates
Sent by e-mail

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Standing up for office facing the chop

SIR - The article referring to the decision to close local housing offices raises some issues with me ('Town council fights housing office loss', MK NEWS, August 15).

Having lived in Bletchley most of my life and seen a progressive deterioration in council standards, I feel that I must speak out in defence of our local office on the Lakes Estate.

On several occasions I have contacted Milton Keynes council via e-mail with complaints.

While I have received replies, my complaints have been passed on to several different people and no positive action has been taken and promises have not been kept.

When I have contacted my local office via e-mail I received a positive response in two days with most of my issues dealt with within a week.

I can only surmise from this that Milton Keynes Council do not consider complaints as important whereas our local offices do.

This is probably the result of too many chiefs and not enough Indians.

Jim Bradley
Sent by e-mail

Celebrate our city as a special place to live

SIR - I just wanted to say a huge thank you for your impressive feature on Milton Keynes' first Gay Pride event in conjunction with the Celebr8 MK Parade (MK NEWS, August 15) which took place on Saturday, August 11.

The day was a huge success, with a great community feel which highlighted the diversity within the town and the acceptance from the wider community who supported us all along the parade route.

I take my hat off to everyone from Pink Punters, who provided the sound system for the parade and the bar within Campbell Park, with profits being split between two charities - it's great that a local venue doesn't just concentrate on profit and is committed to giving something back to the community!

I look forward to next year being bigger and better and I urge everyone to come along to celebrate what makes Milton Keynes such a brilliant place to live, regardless of sexual orientation, ethnicity and disability etc.

The whole of MK did us proud!

Craig Borrett
Sent by e-mail

We're proving we won't be 'easy pickings'

SIR - Last week MK NEWS reported that plans to fill in pedestrian walkways in Station Square had been scrapped ('Walkway plans are scrapped', August 15).

Although the delighted group of people pictured were not commuters, as described, but Xplain supporters, we did indeed speak up for commuters and everyone else who wants to keep MK special.

All too often big developers see public space as 'easy pickings'. In this case, they were quite prepared to shove people out into the rain, and damage quality architecture, simply to add a few feet to their shopfronts.

Thankfully MK Council rejected these plans, perhaps due to growing recognition that the public loves its public realm!

If anyone wants to know more about keeping MK special, they can contact our citizens' group by emailing xplain.mk@gmail.com.

Linda Inoki
Head of Xplain

Safety is the most important issue

SIR - Reducing speed limits in MK would make a negligible difference to journey times.

A hypothetical journey across MK at 50 miles per hour rather than 70 miles per hour would take four minutes longer and it might play a small part in reducing the 200,000 deaths and injuries suffered by all road users every year.

There's little point in drivers blaming pedestrians or cyclists (who are statistically likely to possess one of the 37.6million current driving licences) for inconveniencing drivers.

It's the 34.3m other vehicles on the road that slow you down and it's a bit unreasonable to threaten to mow down pedestrians and cyclists as a reprisal.

We should all be concerned about the safety of others and drive with care and our full attention.

John Feltham
Stony Stratford

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Jon Brett's City Life

His column written exclusively for MK NEWS

NEWS this week that Virgin Trains' bid to continue running the West Coast franchise through Milton Keynes was derailed has came as a shock to many.

It made me recall when I was commuting to London in the mid 80s – grim British Rail stations, the dull blue BR livery, smoking carriages and sky-high fares (even then), made the 60 minute journey an ordeal even before the day began!

I was working for the BBC's World Service based at Bush House, and the train into town was followed by a 15 minute bus ride down Southampton Row to The Strand.

I can still remember my journey home; settling into the nasty, smelly, stiffly sprung seats in individual compartments that seated eight, and putting on my Sony Walkman to listen to Daryl Hall and John Oats Greatest Hits as we trundled along.

Point failures at Watford Junction and hold ups in Hemel Hempstead were the norm.

I'll never forget that warm feeling I had as the 17.40 from Euston finally crept alongside the Lakes Estate meaning I was nearly home!

And then Virgin came along, and train travel became fun. It was almost as if you were boarding a train in Milton Keynes and were going to end up in New York! Bright, clean and FAST trains cut the commute to 35-40 minutes and there was always the chance you might just end up sitting next to Richard Branson himself.

I fail to see how awarding the contract to transport giant First Group will benefit the commuters of Milton Keynes.

With a bid almost £1billion greater than Virgin's, FirstGroup is going to want to recoup its investment fast.

All aboard!

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Mayor Catriona Morris joins in with members of Umbanda, Carers MK and Social Eyes at the drumming party

Charities drum up fun with very loud get together

CHILDREN and their parents and carers were making a lot of noise yesterday at a special charity party.

Organised by Carers MK and Social Eyes, dozens of children, joined by Milton Keynes mayor Catriona Morris, banged and clanged at a drumming party in Moulsoe.

Anne Matthews of Carers MK said: "We wanted to provide a fun session for families with children with a disability or additional need, to find ways of communicating through rhythm and music, and to meet socially and have a nice time."

Woman has to pay twice for holiday

BY ADAM GRINSELL
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A HOLIDAYMAKER says she has been forced to pay her hotel bill twice after the company that arranged her vacation closed its doors.

The woman, who has asked to remain anonymous, is also worried about her flights and transfers home from her Turkish resort after travel agent Enjoy Holidays, which has a shop in Woburn Sands, went into administration.

A sign on the door of the office said parent Turkish company Anex Tourism Group was 'unable to meet its financial commitments in the UK'.

The first the tourist, from Bedfordshire, heard of the situation was when she received a midnight call from a local agent saying she needed to see reception and pay €2,800 to continue her holiday as the hotel bill was not paid.

She was even more upset as one of her party was in hospital at the time.

A spokesman for ABTA, the travel association, said in instances like this hotels can sometimes take this action, however the customer has not lost their money and can claim this back on her return to the UK through the Civil Aviation Authority (CAA).

All trips booked with Enjoy Holidays as a travel agency were done through ABTA and should still go ahead, and everything bought through the company acting as a booking agency were covered by ATOL, a scheme by the CAA. Meanwhile Enjoy Holidays managing director Ronnie Findlay said he is trying to make a deal with administrator Alexander Lawson Jacobs to acquire the assets and save the 19 jobs that are affected.

He said: "I'm extremely sorry for any customer or anyone else caught up in this.

"I've been to the administrator to get the assets back, to try to save 19 jobs. Our priority is to save jobs."

No-one from Anex was available for comment yesterday.

If you are a customer and have any queries, see the ABTA website at www.abta.com or call the CCA helpline on 0207 453 6350.

MKNEWS BRIEFS

By-election candidates

A LIST of candidates in the by-election for Stony Stratford Town Council on September 6 has now been finalised. Dick Bailey, Paul Bartlett, June Payne and Pete Thornburgh will compete for the south west ward. The seat is up for grabs after Mr Bartlett failed to fill in an acceptance form following his selection in May's election.

Parade date agreed

NEXT year's Celebr8 MK Parade will be held on August 24. Organisers have named the date in the wake of this year's event earlier this month. The parade – which was incorrectly labelled a Pride Parade in our edition last week - was a huge success.

MK NEWS would like to thank Karen Kodish and Tamara Smith for their excellent pictures.

Council provider contract change

SERVICES provided on behalf of Milton Keynes Council by its private sector partner Mouchel will now be delivered in-house.

An overhaul of contract arrangements with the company, which was due to run for 12 years from its beginning in 2004, was announced on Friday.

The council claims the move, if ratified, would result in a one-off payment to the company but would ultimately save the taxpayer money as a regular annual fee to Mouchel would be abolished.

Staff would also be transferred from the company to the council.

Mouchel would continue to provide services such as software support and other specialist services.

Endangered owls nest in park

ONE of Britain's most beautiful and endangered birds, the barn owl, is successfully breeding in Ouse Valley Park.

A recent survey of owl nest boxes by The Parks Trust has revealed two fledglings.

The two owls were found in a box installed by The Parks Trust.

Barn owls are found at a variety of locations in Milton Keynes and are most active at dawn and dusk. The Parks Trust is keen to ask members of the public to avoid disturbing the birds but if anyone sees a barn owl they should notify the trust on 01908 233600 or via email at m.kincaid@theparkstrust.com.

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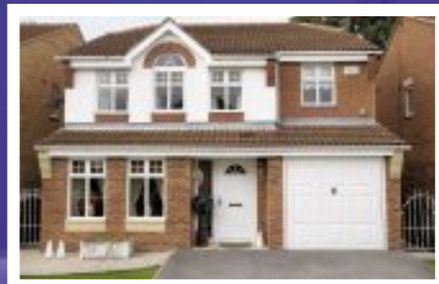

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Greg's a celebrity - and is loving it!

BY DAN PALMER
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GREG Rutherford's feet have barely touched the ground since his golden triumph, but our very own Olympic champion insists that he is loving life in the media spotlight.

The long jump ace became a household name overnight after his glorious leap of 8.31m, with seemingly everyone wanting a piece of MK's ginger wizard.

He can no longer walk down the street without being recognised and has now appeared on a string of famous TV shows.

His beloved Manchester United have invited him to grace the Old Trafford turf, Heat Magazine has featured the London 2012 hero and a tabloid paper even suggested that X-Factor judge Tulisa Contostavlos, who was named as the sexiest woman in the world by FHM, was eyeing him up to be her new man.

However, this spurious report probably didn't go down too well with Greg's girlfriend Elizabeth.

Greg returns to action this weekend but his diary is filling up with social commitments – including the honour of switching on the world famous Blackpool Illuminations in their 100th year – along side fellow Olympic medallists Beth Tweddle and Luke Campbell.

He told MK NEWS: "It's what comes with it and it's what I've always wanted.

"I've worked incredibly hard to get to this stage and I like to think that when the season is finished properly I can enjoy myself a little bit more.

"I don't think I've had time for it to sink in, I've been so busy. It's been fantastic."

Meanwhile, Milton Keynes Council say they will mark Greg's achievements in his home city on September 29.

Mayor Catriona Morris says she wants an 'action-packed day of celebrations' with full details to be released.

For more from Greg Rutherford see sport.

Star struck: Greg Rutherford shows off his gold medal in Milton Keynes on Saturday.

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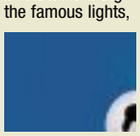

MEDIA APPEARANCES

You can hardly turn on your television or radio without seeing our golden boy. Here are some of his recent highlights:

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- The Chris Moyles Show

MKNEWS BRIEFS

Get in the swim for free

THOSE under 16 and over 60 in the Bletchley and Fenny Stratford Town Council area can now go for a free swim at Bletchley Leisure Centre. Proof of age and residence is required, plus an initial cost of £2 to set up your registration. Application forms are available from the council office in Queensway or from Bletchley Leisure Centre.

David's charity ride

A CITY-based director of company Filmology is planning to cycle 800 miles from the north of Spain to the Algarve.
David Pearson is raising money for Helen and Douglas House, a hospice for terminally ill children and young people. To help, see www.justgiving.com/sweatyinthesaddle.

Hospital invites patients to discuss their care

MILTON Keynes Hospital is asking patients to share their experiences and help shape future standards of care.

Patients will have the opportunity to meet nurses, doctors, managers and other healthcare staff and tell them about their real life experiences.

This is part of a series of 'In Your Shoes' meetings that will be held in September and October as part of an initiative that aims to improve patient experience.

Kathy Renacre, Director of Human Resources, said: "We know that at its best patients' experience of care is excellent but this is not consistent.

"We can only improve by listening to the people we serve."

The Trust would like to listen to a wide range of patients who have used the hospital for any reason in the last 12 months.

The events will last about two hours and will each involve 20 patients and 20 staff, discussing experiences individually and in groups. Parking costs will be paid and refreshments provided.

The first workshop is on September 26 between 2.30pm - 5pm.

For more information, call 01908 826675 or e-mail inyourshoes@mkhospital.nhs.uk by September 14.

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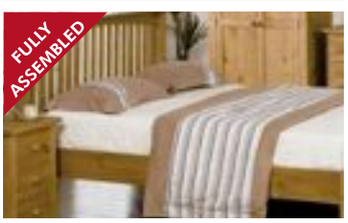

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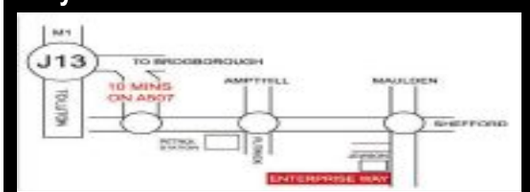

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Defiant traders vow to fight on

BY ADAM GRINSELL
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"WE ARE open for business."

That's the message from the management and traders at Wolverton's Agora shopping centre after a recent council decision has led to rumours of its closure.

As recently reported in this paper, Milton Keynes Council has agreed to serve a Compulsory Purchase Order to buy the building and develop the site.

That's only if the order is 'necessary' and a deal can't be struck with the current owners.

A provisional timescale has development set to commence in spring 2014.

Centre manager Kumar Morjaria said he believes this does not mean they will be shutting up shop any time soon.

He said the decision announcement has had those wanting to rent units hesitating as they are worried closure is imminent.

But he wants to send a message out to potential traders that the shopping hub is anything but shut.

"We are open for business," he said.

"The traders are willing to give it a go here - we are not going anywhere for a long time, and we are looking forward to our customers' patronage. We are refurbishing here and painting.

"We just want to continue doing our business here.

"We have worked with the community in the past, and we want to continue doing that."

Some of the traders have said they want to remain in the Agora, despite assurances that they will be relocated in the town from the Wolverton Steering Group, which wants to see the building demolished as part of its Neighbourhood Plan.

Shop worker Amy Scrivener said: "There's no way this is going to close down - if I have to tie myself outside I will fight it."

We are still here: Kumar Morjaria *(right)* with some of the traders from Wolverton's Agora point out it is business as usual

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Man found guilty of assisting drugs supply

BY ADAM GRINSELL
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A MAN who schemed to import benzocaine from China to be cut with cocaine has been found guilty in court.

Clifford Hall, 31, from Whaddon Way in Bletchley, was arrested as part of Lancashire Constabulary's Operation Bramble, which was investigating a benzocaine supply chain that was operating across the country.

More than 600 kilos of the powder, which can be legitimately used by dentists and vets but is more commonly used as a cutting agent for cocaine, were brought into the country in order for it to be mixed with the class A drug to maximise profits on the street.

If mixed with cocaine, it has been estimated that the adulterated powder could have had a street value of more than £48million.

Preston Crown Court heard how Hall imported large amounts of benzocaine into the country, with the packages being delivered to Burnley and Ripley, Derbyshire.

Searches were carried out in March and September 2011, with officers finding various drugs at Hall's home.

In June 2011 traces of benzocaine, cocaine and other drugs were found following raids at addresses in Manchester.

Following a trial, Hall was found guilty on Thursday of assisting in the supply of class A drugs, possession of a controlled drug of class B with intent to supply, possession of a controlled drug of class C with intent to supply and possession of a controlled drug class C.

Eleven other people from across Burnley, Manchester and Derbyshire have already pleaded guilty to various drugs offences in connection with Operation Bramble and an operation being run by Derbyshire Constabulary. Sentencing will take place later this year.

DI Graham Gallagher, of Lancashire Constabulary's Serious and Organised Crime Unit, said: "This was a large scale operation, with various people assisting in the importation of a significant amount of benzocaine - almost 20 times the annual importation amount of the leading legitimate industry user.

"There is no lawful reason for any person to be in possession of benzocaine in the quantities found during this investigation, other than for criminal purposes.

"We worked with colleagues in SOCA, the UK Border Agency and Derbyshire Constabulary to break the chain of supply that was bringing these cutting agents into the country to be mixed with cocaine."

He added: "In seizing this benzocaine, Lancashire Constabulary has prevented a significantly large amount of a cutting agent from being mixed with illegal drugs and making its way on to our streets where it could have caused damage to our communities.

"Drugs blight our neighbourhoods and fuel other crime, often carried out to fund a drug habit.

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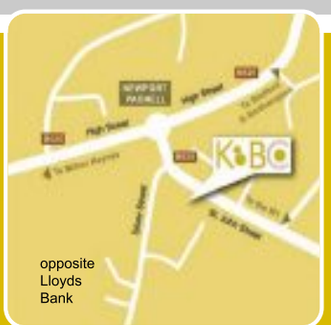

MP linked with top cabinet job

BY ADAM GRINSELL
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ONE of the city's MPs 'doesn't believe a word' of rumours tipping him for a top Government position.

Mark Lancaster, Conservative for Milton Keynes North, is one of a number of the 'class of 2005' MPs who are being touted for a ministerial position in an expected cabinet reshuffle next month.

Last week a report in the national press claimed Prime Minister David Cameron was ready to reward those who were voted into Parliament in 2005 when the party was in opposition - including Mr Lancaster.

But commenting on the claims, Mr Lancaster told MK NEWS: "Whilst flattered, I don't believe a word of it.

"Personally I'm just honoured to represent Milton Keynes in Parliament which is and always will be my priority."

Mr Lancaster would be well placed to enter one of the top cabinet positions as he already has extensive experience with Parliamentary roles.

He is currently Parliamentary Private Secretary to the Secretary of State for International Development, and in opposition he served as Shadow Minister for International Development.

Moving up?: Mark Lancaster MP

He also served as a whip and took on a number of other roles.

Lord James Younger, chairman of the Milton Keynes Conservative Association, said he would be 'truly delighted' if Mr Lancaster were to be given a role.

"It would be much deserved," he said.

"He's an exceptionally able MP with the work he carries out in his constituency.

"He's been in the Territorial Army for many years, often out in Afghanistan supporting our troops, and does work in international development, so has international exposure.

"But in whatever role he gets he would be very good."

Lord Younger said Mr Lancaster would not neglect his residents if chosen for a top spot.

He added: "Even the most senior ministers find a way of making it back to their constituencies for their Friday surgeries. They have to do it and they enjoy it.

"I'm sure Mark would handle that with his usual consummate ease.

"Personally I would be absolutely delighted for him.

"I have no idea if he is expecting it, but I imagine at his stage in his career it would be very welcome.

"He would have our full support, and he would make a very good Government minister."

When asked about the reports, of a cabinet reshuffle and who may be included, a spokesman for the Conservative Party headquarters in London said: "We do not comment on reshuffle speculation."

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Birthday

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ESTHER MARY TOMLINSON
passed away peacefully at North Staffs University Hospital after a sudden illness. She will be sadly missed by her mother Rose, Husband Dave, children Catherine, Paul and Kevin, Grandchildren Stella-Rose, Eoin, Sebastian, Sorcha, Sophie and Iris and all her family and friends. Funeral Service will take place at Crownhill Crematorium, Willow Chapel, on Thursday 23rd August at 2:30pm. Flowers or donations to Shelter should be sent to H.W.Mason & Sons, 68a Wolverton Road, Stony Stratford MK11 1DT
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A-level exam success

BY JESSICA DUNCAN
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A LEVEL students across Milton Keynes were celebrating as many schools and colleges received the best results for several years.

MK College student Genevieve King was one of the city's top achievers, receiving three As and one A* - the A* being the first ever for law at the college. She said: "I got 100 per cent in my last law exam and got three Bs in AS Level, so I am so happy."

Ousedale head girl Charlotte Jackson also achieved exceptional results, getting five A*s. She is now off to study at Cambridge.

Despite national statistics showing a 0.4 per cent decrease in A grade results since 2011, schools around Milton Keynes celebrated an increase in pass rates, with many showing a near 100 per cent success and even more celebrating at least 50 per cent of students achieving A*-B grades.

Other highlights included Eliana Campbell, a student from Denbigh School, who got two A*s and an A, and is off to study English and Social Policy at The University of Leeds.

MK College student Laila Khandoker achieved four As and will study medicine at Imperial College London.

Oh joy: Students from The Radcliffe Sixth Form, *above*, and MK College, *below*, with their results

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Join in with city rough sleepers

BY ADAM GRINSELL
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HAVE you ever wondered what it would be like to sleep on the streets of Milton Keynes?

Well this is your chance to put yourself in the shoes of the city's homeless, with a sponsored rough sleeping event.

The YMCA is hoping to raise awareness of the plight of those who do not have a bed, while at the same time making money for some of its projects.

Claire Benjafield, a resident support and involvement officer for the charity, said: "We want to raise awareness of the realities of street homelessness.

"That includes not knowing where they can find warmth and shelter from one night to the next, being vulnerable to the elements but also to attacks, having their belongings stolen and health risks.

"I think people who are homeless learn quite quickly they are against quite a lot on the streets.

"For the event we are hoping to get around 50 people to sleep outdoors, between 7pm and 7am.

"It will be completely out in the open. We will have sleeping bags, but it's basically open to the elements - including rain.

Outdoor living: Michelle Bogues, Amy Powell, Lynn Cooke, Claire Benjafield and, top, Stephen Newport

"We have access to a church's facilities, so you will be able to use the toilets inside."

The sleep-out is due to take place on October 19 in CMK.

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Ladies spicing up Willen fund-raiser

THREE kind-hearted ladies and a team of volunteers are taking on the mammoth task of organising a charity dinner for 500 guests.

The event – in aid of Willen Hospice – takes place on September 8 at the Ridgeway Centre in Wolverton.

Shobhna Dave, Shivani Sawjani and Bina Morjaria have organised a menu of Indian cuisine and an auction of prizes.

Mrs Dave said: "We call ourselves I3, or the incredible three, because we know how much we can achieve. We have raised the money for the venue rental separately and had food ingredients donated so that every penny goes directly to Willen Hospice."

Tickets can be purchased by ringing 07850584507, 07812460429, 07967126722 or willen.dinner@gmail.com

Olympics fever sparks boom for sports clubs

BY DAN PALMER
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WORK to keep the Olympic spirit alive in Milton Keynes is well under way as passion for sport reaches an all time high in the city.

Many local clubs have reported a surge in interest as a result of London 2012 and Bucks Sport, the Buckinghamshire and Milton Keynes Sports Partnership, is keen to keep the momentum going.

It has announced a post-Olympic legacy programme to ensure locals have easy access to a wide range of activities, training and facilities on their doorstep for many more years to come.

Director of Bucks Sport Mark Ormerod said: "The Olympics is putting sport in the spotlight as never before and we're ready to respond to this opportunity to get even more people in Milton Keynes involved in some kind of sporting activity.

"The end of the games actually marks the start of the legacy work we will implement here. We're working with a range of partners to ensure a co-ordinated delivery network is in place to keep the magic of the games in the heart of the local community, helping improve facilities, training more people to make sport happen and creating more opportunities.

"Since we won the Olympic bid we've already seen a big increase in sporting activity in the city, especially in sports such as running, cycling and netball."

Seven different programmes have been set up, aimed at young people, schools, workplaces, adults, talented athletes, those with disability, coaches and would-be coaches.

Bucks Sport is hoping to help 'keep a generation inspired '– in line with the London 2012 motto.

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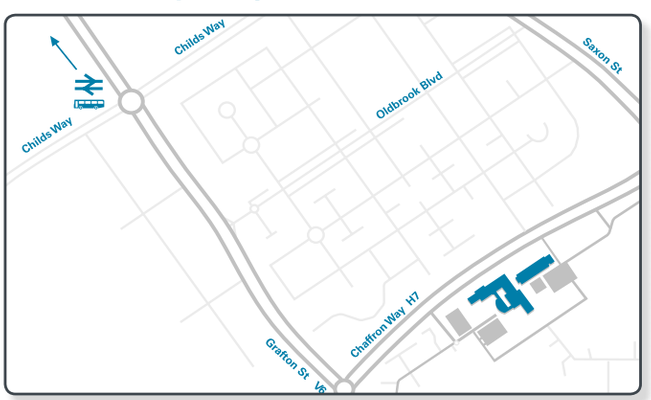

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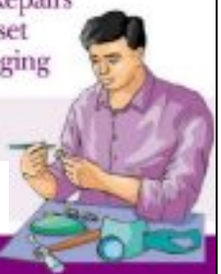

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Plea for more members: Danesborough Chorus

Calling people with passion for singing

BY ANNA MAUREMOOTOO
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ONE of the city's best known choirs is looking for new members to join them.

Danesborough Chorus is encouraging residents to turn over a new leaf this autumn and take up one of the vacancies in all sections - soprano, alto, tenor and bass.

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Soprano and secretary Chris Crispus-Jones said: "Whatever your interests or your occupation, you'll find kindred spirits here.

"We are a friendly and varied group with a wide age range, brought together by our love of singing great music."

Rehearsals are held on Wednesdays in Aspley Guise Village Hall at 7.45pm from September 5.

Ms Crispus-Jones added: "Some experience of singing in a choir is useful but not essential.

"The two most important requirements are a willingness to watch our conductor Ian Smith and wanting to learn to sing some of the best music ever written for voices."

The choir presents three main concerts each year and this year's programme includes Bach's St John Passion, Mozart's C minor mass and Will Todd's Requiem in Blue and spirituals.

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Live the drama of codebreakers

BY ANNA MAUREMOOTOO
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THE eyes of the nation will be on Bletchley Park when a new TV drama hits the small screen.

And as ITV prepares to air the fictional piece early next month, Bletchley Park is offering visitors a chance to meet the real codebreakers at the Enigma Reunion.

The Bletchley Circle tells the story of four ordinary women with an extraordinary flair for code-breaking and razor-sharp intelligence skills.

The three 60-minute episodes tell the story of the women using problem solving skills they honed amid top secret conditions at Station X during World War Two to solve a string of murders when they meet again in 1952.

Producer Jake Lushington said: "The Bletchley Circle is about what might have been.

"Despite the era they were in, women like Susan and Millie had the capacity, the ideas and the ability to process evidence and crack a murder case.

"In many ways it is a form of police profiling which was way ahead of its time."

The crime-thriller stars twice BAFTA award-winner Anna Maxwell Martin as Susan, a mother of two who is the driving force behind getting the group of girls back together in an attempt to solve the run of murders that have been occurring.

The cast: Sophie Rundle as Lucy, Anna Maxwell Martin as Susan, Julie Graham as Jean and Rachel Stirling as Millie

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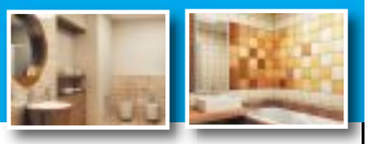

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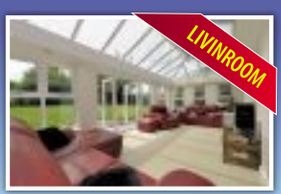

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Dons players celebrate
MK DONS players will help celebrate the club's Sport and Education Trust's (SET) summer play programme with a series of appearances across the city this week. The likes of Gary MacKenzie and Stephen Gleeson will be visiting estates across Milton Keynes to meet youngsters who have taken part in the scheme. Tomorrow they will be at Langland School Field, Netherfield, from 9.30am-12.30pm and Jonathans Games Area, Coffee Hall, 2pm-5pm. On Friday they will be at Pirate Ship Playground, Fishermead, 9.30am-12.30pm followed by Crownhill Playing Field, 2pm-5pm.

Victorian cricket match
A NUMBER of Victorian gentlemen took to the cricket pitch recently to raise money for Willen Hospice and Bucks and Milton Keynes Crossroads Care. The third annual Victorian Charity Cricket Tournament organised jointly by Wolverton and Stony Stratford Rotary Club and Stony Stratford Cricket Club on Sunday, August 5, managed to raise £750 despite thunder and rain.

Design student's prize
AN ARCHITECTURE student from Bradwell has been awarded a prestigious gong from the Royal Institute of British Architects. Matt Sawyer, 22, won the Leslie Jones Memorial Prize for designing The Ariadne Device which would allow people to find their way around London if they get lost.

Bone disease support
A NEW Osteoporosis Support Group for Milton Keynes has launched. The group, run by volunteers from around the area, will offer support and information on the fragile bone disease that affects an estimated three million people in the UK. For information call 0845 130 3076.

Christmas comes early
A CITY-based charity has already started sending out Christmas cards. Supporters of World Vision, in Fox Milne, will then be able to send the cards on to the children they sponsor, around the world.

Ready to go: Steve Williams and Daniel Wright

Friends set for Africa road test

BY DAN PALMER
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GOING on a Top Gear style adventure will remain a pipe dream for most of us – but not for city man Daniel Wright.

The 33-year-old has driven his way to a once-in-a-lifetime trip to Morocco, where he will copy the antics of Jeremy Clarkson, Richard Hammond and James May.

Along with his friend, Steve Williams, Daniel came top in the Conti4x4trophy competition, which is run over 12 weeks.

They were one of 28 pairs of drivers invited to a qualifying event where their skills and aptitude were tested. Both men had to demonstrate their off-road driving ability and a range of other skills, and the motoring duo were eventually one of 14 teams selected to go to Africa.

On the six-day trip next month they will get to explore the Atlas Mountains and Sahara Desert.

Daniel, who runs a digital marketing agency in the city, said: "Both myself and Steve are still in shock that we're going.

"We're looking forward to the challenges and working together with the other teams who we met at the qualifying event.

"I am still expecting someone to pinch me and I wake up." The drivers will first fly to Casablanca before travelling on to Ouarzazate, nicknamed 'the door to the desert' and where many films such as Lawrence of Arabia, The Living Daylights, The Mummy and Gladiator were filmed.

They will navigate difficult terrain by day, with sand dunes and rocky gorges among the hazards, but by night they will be pampered in luxury hotels.

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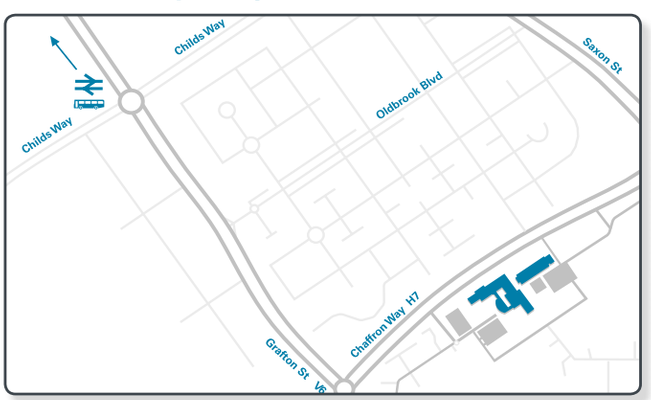

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The Webber Independent School (WIS) in Milton Keynes has become one of the first schools in the region to be inspected under the Independent Schools Inspectorate's (ISI) new criteria.

The stringent new legislation approved by the Secretary of State for Education conducted a four day inspection of the school in Stantonbury and awarded scores of 'Excellent' - the highest possible level achievable – for four of the areas judged.

WIS achieved 'Excellent' in;

- The contribution of curricular and extracurricular provision
- The spiritual, moral, social and cultural development of pupils
- The contribution of arrangements for pastoral care
- The governance of the school

The school also received the next highest level of 'Good' for the four remaining categories, which include: the quality of the pupils' achievements and their learning; the quality of teaching; arrangements for welfare, health and safety, and the quality of leadership and management.

Principal, Sue Vig said: "This is a wonderful achievement and reflects the changes and improvements we have made since September last year. To achieve nothing short of 'Good' and to be awarded 'Excellent' for half of those categories is encouraging and we are well on the way to ensuring excellence throughout."

The Independent Schools Inspectorate report also found 'pupils' personal development is excellent'; 'the newly formed senior leadership team is particularly effective'; 'pupils appreciate very much how the school supports them as individuals'.

"This is incredibly encouraging for staff and parents. We have introduced innovative and highly acclaimed practices and are opening their education and personal development to a completely new level that will give them the best possible start to post-education life."

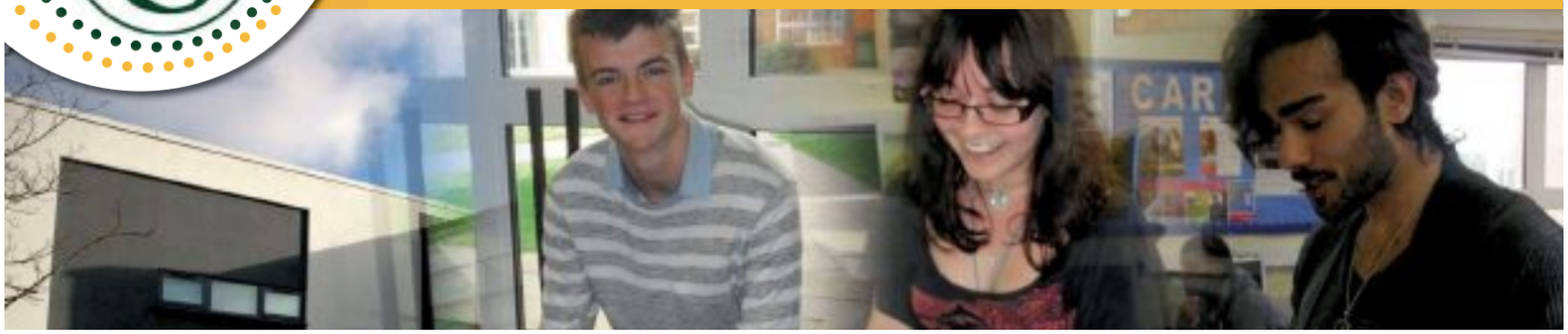
In September 2012 further changes and improvements are to be made at The Webber Independent School including the introduction of Little GEMS – pre-school learning from six weeks to five years – an age critical for parents and teachers to lay the foundations for the children's success. Little GEMS is already a success in additional GEMS schools in the UK as well as abroad.

The full Independent School Inspectorate can be found on The Webber Independent School website at www.webberindependentschool.co.uk or contact the school on 01908 574740.

LORD GREY

MK South Sixth Form Results Up Again!

Partnership between Lord Grey and Leon goes from strength to strength



Lord Grey School in Bletchley is once again encouraged by its A2 and Level 3 results for Year 13 students, 2012.

The pass rate for all Level 3 courses stands at 99.7%. The pass rate for A level is 99.3% which is 1.5% above the national average (97.8%, 2011). The national average is exceptionally high, so it is hard to beat that figure. However Lord Grey School have done so for the fourth year in a row! Indeed post 16 exam results have been extremely good at Lord Grey for many years now.

The Headteacher, Dr Tracey Jones, commented: "the Lord Grey campus of MK South Sixth Form has delivered super results for a number of years, and this Sixth Form is really growing in popularity across the town. The partnership with Leon School (soon to be Sir Herbert Leon Academy) is positive and the students are happy here and flourish."

This is fantastic news for Lord Grey School which is a key partner within MK South Sixth Form. The Ofsted grading of 2, Good, for this Sixth Form partnership is well deserved. The partnership is aiming for 1, Outstanding, at the next full Ofsted inspection. The strengths of MK South Sixth Form are the caring staff, the breadth of courses on offer, the close tracking of student progress and the quality of UCAS advice. Director of MK South Sixth Form, Dr Jo Trevenna, said: "we keep parents informed about progress and we advise students very carefully onto the correct courses for their abilities and talents. These are two keys to success."

The Chair of Governors, Mrs Madeleine Carrington, was also thrilled with the progress, saying: "this is great news.

I am very pleased. The Sixth Form range of qualifications can be quite baffling to parents, with A levels and BTECs and National Diplomas, but we have got the mix of courses just right. We don't just offer traditional A levels, though the academic route is there for those who want it; rather we mix and match courses to suit the needs of students." Her own daughter in Year 13 did exceptionally well in her qualifications with a very positive tally of QCA points.

The school offers a wide range of traditional AS and A2 qualifications, plus BTECs in ICT, Business, Science, Travel and Tourism and Dance. The Creative and Media Diploma has also been on offer and a number of students boosted their points score via other courses such as General Studies, Critical Thinking, Extended Project and Asset Languages. There is also a vast range of successful Level 2 courses on offer at the partner institution, Leon School.

> **99.7%**
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Students based at the Leon School campus also did exceptionally well. The five Leon students based full time at the Lord Grey campus gained 100% Level 3 and 100% A*-E at A level.

A* to B grades, the higher grades, have held up well at Level 3 and the A*-C grades have gone up by an impressive 12% for all Level 3 courses and by 1% at A level. The average number of points per student is up on last year, as is average QCA point score per entry.

Individual subjects which have done well at A2 level are Film Studies, German, Italian and History, with Psychology rapidly improving. Maths has done fantastically well for the third year running with 100% pass and an A* in Maths for Adam Vickers.

Other courses have done well too, with BTEC Business and BTEC Travel and Tourism delivering many Distinction and Distinction* grades. The school is also pleased with 100% pass in the Creative and Media Diploma at Year 13, an innovative course which required much dedication from the students.

The school is pleased that the vast majority of those students applying for university or higher education have secured a place, with most getting their first choice.

The Head of Sixth Form confirmed that the majority of those students who wish to move on to university or higher education have achieved the points score or grades to do so. The most popular universities this year have been Northampton, Buckingham, Coventry and Aberystwyth, for Lord Grey students.

Some students are moving on to take up apprenticeships, some to full time work and some to MK College for further study. The destinations are diverse – perhaps the huge increase in tuition fees at university is having an impact.

The school is also delighted with progress at AS level for Year 12.The pass rate has gone up to 94% and is above the national average (88%, 2011) and the A- B rate has gone up by 5.6% on last year. The average number of points per entry is up by 11.2% and this is a very significant rise.

The Headteacher commented: "It is very exciting that many subjects are up on last year at AS level and the all important A-B grades are up. We have been having a real push on maximising the potential of our more able students, so I am really encouraged for the future by these results. It is a strong year group coming through in terms of ability."

Individual success stories are:

CHAKIB BOURAYOU
gained the top A level grades in the school, with an A in Maths and is going on to Buckingham University to study Economics. He said, "Maths is the subject I worked hardest in; I am surprised and pleased with my B in A level Psychology."

SEAN MCCABE
is leaving with five A levels and going to study International Politics at the University of Aberystwyth. He has a Merit Award for his place at university. He studied History, Geography, English Literature, Film Studies and Critical Thinking and worked exceptionally hard. He said, "I can't believe that finally I've got success; I am so happy that I can go on to my future."

ADAM VICKERS
is going to John Moores University in Liverpool to study Architecture and Jacob Grace-Allen is going to Coventry University to study Biomedical Science. Gareth Lewis gained three A levels: A in Maths, B in Music and C in Geography. He is going to Bath Spa University to study Music.

NASER AHMED
did very well on a more vocational route with double Distinctions in BTEC Business and Travel and Tourism. This bagged him a huge point score of 1080 points.

Some Good Results

Some Year 13 students with pleasing QCA points

QCA points		Some Year 12 students who did well	
IKRA SHAFI	1230	JONI DOWNS	AAAA
CHAKIB BOURAYOU	1140	MARK ALLEN	BBBC
BOLAJI OSHODI	1137	LIAM ASHMEAD	AABB
JAMES HILL	1110	JAMIE BULL	AACC
NASER AHMED	1080	LUKE BULLOCK	ACCCD
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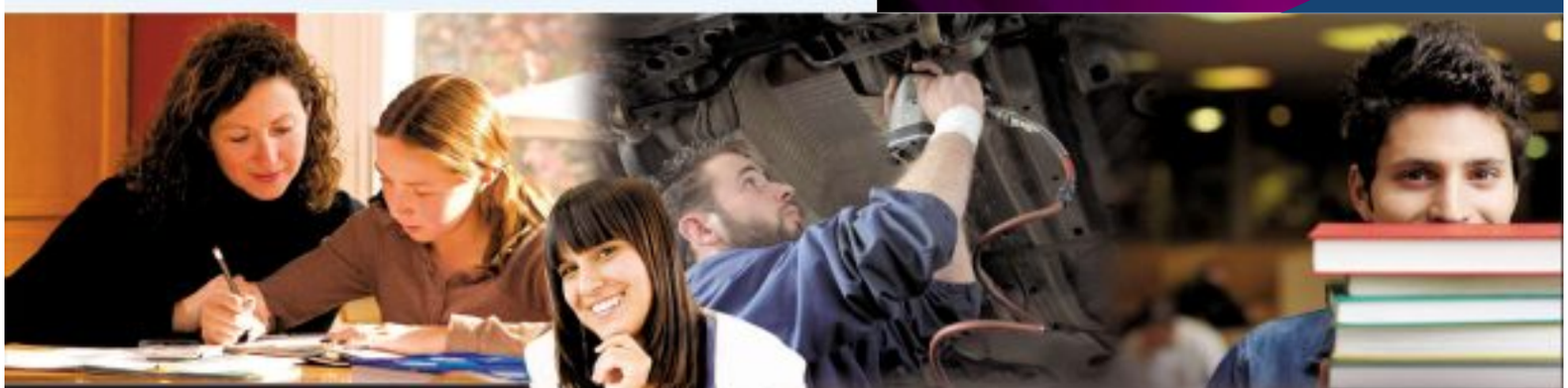

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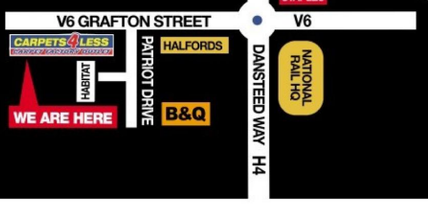

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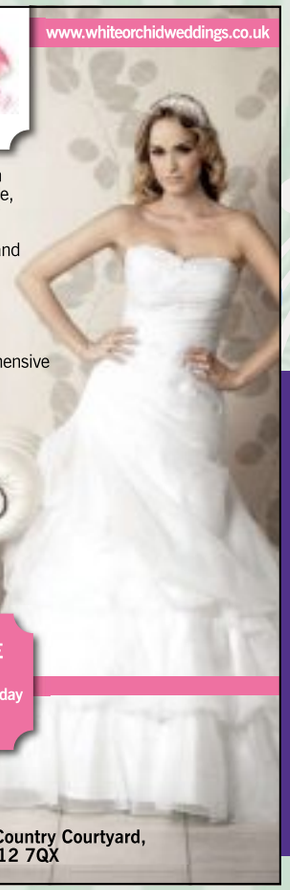

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There's no official start point or start time, you can ride as much or as little of the route as you like and stop as many times as you want. Most people join in at one of the activation points along the route where you'll also find plenty of fun things to do whether you're on a bike or not.

TV presenter Gethin Jones is an ambassador for the nationwide event, which aims to get one million more people cycling regularly.

He told MK NEWS: "This is my fourth year with Sky Ride, I've seen it grow and evolve. People love it, they look like they want to be on the Tour de France. Just come along with friends – everyone who has done it has loved it.

"I'm a good advocate because I was never off my bike when I was a kid, and maybe neglected it a bit when I went to uni. But now I use it for exercise, I love the freedom, and I also use it to commute.

"About a month ago my dad had a heart attack, and the doctors said the best way to recover was on a bike."

If you want to take part visit www.goskyride.com.

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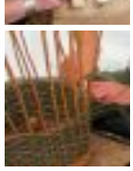

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CBB'sback

A LOT of people will find it very depressing that just days after the Olympics ends, Celebrity Big Brother is back on our screens.

After a fortnight of watching sporting heroes like Greg Rutherford, Bradley Wiggins and Jessica Ennis, it's now time to watch a group of nobodies in a house full of cameras.

It's Channel 5 we have to thank for this scheduling, and some of the 'celebrities' this time around include Rhian Sugden, Danica Thrall and Jasmine Lennard.

If you are now saying 'who?' while reading this then you are not alone, but we have to remember that a lot of people like stuff like this and, God forbid, don't like sport. For them, this is the real summer telly spectacle.

Blakereturn

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weddingfun

SOCIAL awkwardness will always be a part of comedy films and one of the most awkward things movie makers can think of is sticking posh, rich people with everyday slobs.

This is what happens in The Wedding Video, which sees good-for-nothing layabout Raif film the nuptials of his brother Tim.

As you may have guessed, Tim's better half Saskia is from an affluent family from the higher echelons of society.

Raif inevitably clashes with the bride's family as the two different backgrounds come head to head, which leads to some funny but somewhat predictable laughs.

What is novel though is that the wedding video being filmed is often what you see on screen, and there is plenty of scandal to be found as we get to look behind the scenes.

With a top British cast including Rufus Hound, Lucy Punch and Robert Webb, The Wedding Video is directed by Nigel Cole of Calendar Girls fame and is an amusing enough homegrown comedy.

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MKlife Out and About MK Theatre

CHECK out our bank holiday guide for some of the events happening this weekend:

CELEBRATE British Crafts by joining Stowe Landscape Gardens' Craft and Design Festival.

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Adults £6, senior citizens £5, accompanied children under 14 free.

HAVE you got what it takes to hit the big time? If you think you've got talent that's waiting to be discovered head down to The Swan at Salford or The Black Horse in Woburn on Monday from 3pm for The Pub Factor.

The pubs are running a special competition with an open audition for singers and vocal groups aged 16 and over, and raise money for Children in Need at the same time.

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To register to take part or find out more, call 01908 281008 or see www.swansalford.co.uk.

KEEP the Olympic spirit going with the MK Church Charity Sports Day at Leon School, from 10.30am-3pm on Saturday.

Be entertained by a number of churches from across the city taking part in events in aid of the Royal Marsden Cancer Charity.

IF YOU caught the archery bug a couple of weeks ago, why not give it a go on Monday?

Shenley and Loughton Toxophilists present their Try Our Sport Day at Shenley Leisure Centre, supported by Archery GB in its Archery Big Weekend.

It's free to take part and no experience is required. The sessions are ideal for all ages and abilities and provide the perfect family activity.

FROM Skippy to stage, Liza Goddard, best known for her success in the 70s and 80s when she starred alongside the Bush Kangaroo and in the award-winning Take Three Girls, is coming to Milton Keynes Theatre as part of the cast of Dry Rot.

The show is a comedy drama about a crooked bookie who trys to fix a race by replacing a horse, but it all goes wrong.

Liza described the play as 'two hours of constant laughter'.

Full of physical comedy, split second timing and secret doors, Liza said of the show: "Physical comedy is difficult but is rewarding as it puts the audience in fits of laughter."

The show listed in the National Theatre's top 100 plays and is viewed as one of the finest examples of its genre. It is at Milton Keynes Theatre from September 3-8. Tickets costing from £10 are available from www.atgtickets.com/miltonkeynes.

To see Liza's interview in full go to www.mk-news.co.uk.

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parklife

This week The Parks Trust's David Brock talks about what it's like to volunteer for the charity

I AM one of almost 200 volunteers at The Parks Trust who play a vital role in helping keep our parks beautiful.

As one of the trust's rover rangers, I am responsible for monitoring Campbell Park for present or potential issues with health and safety, anti-social behaviour or damage to plants or fixtures and fittings.

I walk through the park on a regular basis and being able to combine this with helping to maintain the look and feel of MK's parks is a great thing to do.

While patrolling I'm often litter picking – it can be frustrating when you see the rubbish people leave behind for others to clear up but it's strangely satisfying when you transform the park back to something you are proud for people to see.

Volunteers are very important to The Parks Trust and as a volunteer I feel part of a great team of dedicated people with a vision to make MK a lovely place to live.

I have also volunteered to help with a variety of the exciting events that The Parks Trust puts on each year – I count standing for seven hours in the pouring rain during the MK marathon as a particular personal highlight!

Volunteering is a great way to meet people, learn new skills and have fun while putting something back into your local community.

The trust is always looking for volunteers so if you'd like to get involved, please visit the website at www.theparkstrust.com.

yourway

THERE'S a free evening of live music on Saturday thanks to MK Gallery's Improv Night.

The event is an open session for musicians, sound artists and non-musicians who are interested in exploring improvisation and developing new musical relationships.

Bring your own instruments, equipment, objects and amplification should you require it.

MK Gallery will provide the PA, mics and the space for exploration.

Takes place between 6.30pm and 8.30pm. E-mail swright@mkgallery.org for more.

newfashion

LADIES, there is a new fashion label that has hit the streets of Milton Keynes.

The highly fashionable NW3 at Hobbs will be hitting the Midsummer Place store on Tuesday, August 28, and to celebrate Hobbs has teamed up with MK NEWS to offer one lucky fashionista the chance to update their wardrobe with a £300 shopping voucher to spend in-store.

With their new autumn lines on the rails, let the friendly staff help you find the perfect outfit without putting your hand in your pocket.

The NW3 label will be available to shoppers alongside Hobbs London and Hobbs Invitation, offering a younger and more contemporary selection of clothing, the range that rebels the classic.

To be in with a chance of winning this great prize all you have to do is answer this simple question:

On what date in August will the NW3 label be available in the Midsummer Place store?

A) 22nd, b) 28th, c) 31st.

Send your answer, along with your name, address and daytime telephone number, to competitions@mk-news.co.uk or MK NEWS, 1 Diamond Court, Fox Milne, MK15 0DU.

Entries must be received by Wednesday, August 29. The winner will be notified. The editor's decision is final. To find out more about the Hobbs store visit www.midsummerplace.co.uk.

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Your essential guide to events big and small throughout Milton Keynes

MK life HOT PICKS

funky fun

CHILLAX with a night of reggae, funk, soul, hip hop and live art at The Buszy, opposite Central Milton Keynes railway station, on Friday from 9pm-midnight.

Music night The Lounge offers a chilled atmosphere with good vibes for all.

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cultures celebration

'BUILDING bridges between diverse communities' is the catchline for this year's huge Celebrating Arts and Culture Festival in Campbell Park on Saturday and Sunday.

From 1-10pm explore the art and fashion zone to take part in design and art workshops, get active in the family and sport zone with a funfair, football tournament and other activities, take in the acts in the performance zone and eat well with world foods.

Silk Road and MK City Orchestra also present an evening concert.

chilli festival

THIS bank holiday will be hot, hot, hot.

That's not a guarantee of the weather, but a promise from Frosts Woburn Sands Garden Centre as it celebrates is third annual Chilli Festival.

From Saturday to Monday enjoy live Mexican music, cooking demonstrations, children's entertainment and games. The restaurant will be serving up chilli specials, and you can take the heat home with plants growing some of the world's hottest chillis available to buy.

From 10am-4pm every day. Free.

parks art

THE summer holiday is not quite over, and if you're struggling for ideas to keep the kids entertained why not head to Linford Manor Park for a spot of art?

The Parks Trust rangers will be holding a number of craft activities.

From 10am-noon of 1-3pm. Meet at the Artworks car park, St Ledger Drive, Great Linford – £3 per child.

skate Xscape

OLLIE on down to Xscape before Sunday or you will miss the free skatepark!

The Summer Blow Out Skatepark is open from noon-8pm every day, and features quarter pipes, ramps, spines, driveways and flatbanks, as well as scheduled events for skateboarders, BMX riders and scooters. There's also a dedicated beginners' area with a coach so if you've never skated before you can learn how the pros do it.

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MONKSTON £229,995

Located in a cul de sac is this very well presented detached family home with three double bedrooms, en suite, garage and gardens. MUST BE VIEWED!!

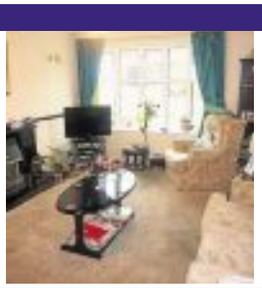
FOUR/FIVE BEDROOMS £149,995

Offering GREAT VALUE FOR MONEY is this end of terrace family home. The propety is in New Bradwell and is offered for sale with NO UPWARD CHAIN.

DOWNHEAD PARK - PRICED TO SELL £175,000

A THREE BEDROOM semi detached family home located at the end of a cul de sac overlooking a green. The property does require some modernisation.

NEWPORT PAGNELL £220,000



What a location!!! Situated on an elevated corner plot on the very popular Poets development this three bedroomed detached property that would make the ideal family home. Close to all amenities, including the Portfields Combined School, the property is in need of a little updating but is in generally sound condition. Aside from its excellent position the outstanding features are the conservatory and fully enclosed rear garden which could be enjoyed by all the family year in year out. To take up this very rare chance of a house that you can remodel to your own specification you will need to part with £220,000 of your hard earned money. Go on give us a call, YOU KNOW YOU WANT TO.

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* Walking distance to local amenities
* No upper chain

STACEY BUSHES £140,000

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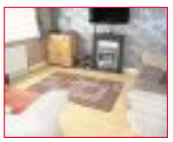


* 3 bedrooms
* End of terrace house
* Re-fitted kitchen
* Separate dining room
* UPVC double glazing
* Gas to radiator heating
* Downstairs cloakroom
* Front & Rear gardens
* Carport providing off road parking

WOLVERTON OIEO £155,000

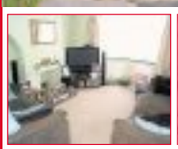
NEW

* 3 bedrooms
* Separate dining room
* Re-fitted kitchen
* Sash windows
* Downstairs bathroom
* Gas to radiator heating
* Rear garden with garage

GREENLEYS £199,995

* 3 bedrooms
* Extended detached family home
* UPVC double glazing
* Two reception rooms
* Family room/study
* Gas to radiator heating
* Downstairs cloakroom
* Driveway & garage

HAVERSHAM £228,000



* 3 double bedrooms
* Extended 1930' semi detached
* UPVC double glazed conservatory
* Downstairs cloakroom
* UPVC double glazing
* Rear garden in excess of 100ft.
* Off road parking
* Village location
* Overlooking the Green

PROPERTY OF THE WEEK

WOLVERTON £200,000

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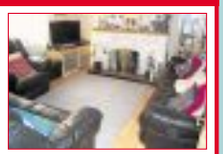
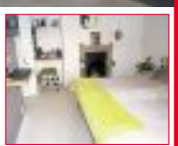


* 4 bedrooms
* Two en-suites
* Separate dining room
* Re-fitted kitchen/breakfast room
* UPVC double glazing
* Full cellar
* Re-fitted upstairs bathroom
* Rear garden with garage
* No upper chain

WOLVERTON £215,000



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* Kitchen with appliances
* En-suite bathroom to bedroom one
* L-shaped rear garden
* Close to local amenities

NEW BRADWELL £147,500

NEW

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* Mid terrace house
* Completely re-furbished
* Brand new kitchen with integrated appliances
* Brand new upstairs bathroom
* Re-plastered throughout
* Downstairs cloakroom
* Enclosed rear garden
* No upper chain

GREENLEYS £146,995

* 2 double bedrooms
* End of terrace
* UPVC double glazing
* Downstairs cloakroom
* Gas to radiator heating
* Enclosed rear garden
* Single garage
* Off road parking for 2 cars

WOLVERTON £170,000

* Four bedrooms
* Mid terrace house
* UPVC double glazing
* Gas to radiator heating
* Single Garage
* Income of £1250 per month
* No upper chain

WOLVERTON £185,000

* 4 bedrooms
* Mid terrace house
* Open fireplace in lounge
* Re-fitted combination bolier
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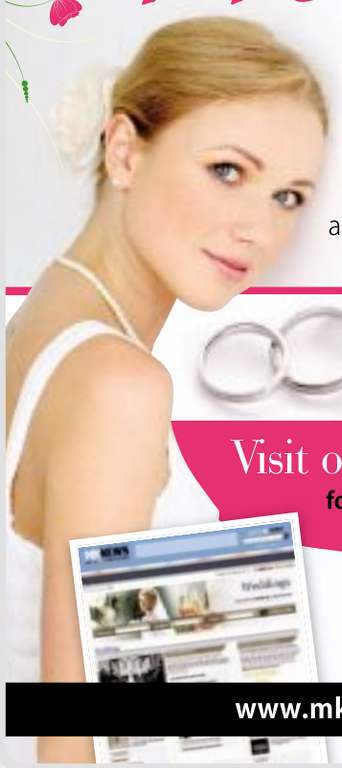

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Further information is available on our website at www.bedmod.co.uk

Closing date for applications is mid-day on 31 August 2012

Interviews will be held in the week commencing 3 September 2012

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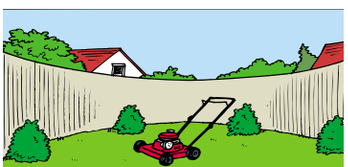

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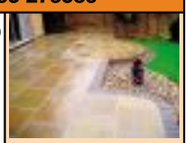

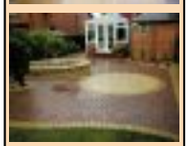

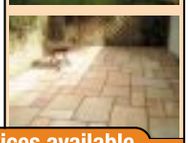

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12/01572/FUL	Replacement front door at 29 Windsor Street, Wolverton
12/01578/FUL	Extend the height of the rear boundary fence to 3 metres at Co-op Supermarket Building, Stanley Court, Olney
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12/01605/FUL	Demolition of existing single storey side extension and outbuilding and erection of replacement single storey side extension and garages/barn at 13-15 Mount Pleasant, Stoke Goldington
12/01609/MMAM	Minor material amendment to the planning permission 09/01320/FUL to vary approved drawings at Land To The Rear of 22-24 St John Street, Newport Pagnell
12/01627/FUL	Erection of summerhouse in rear garden at 35 Common Street, Ravenstone
12/01635/TCA	Notification of intention to lift crown by 2m of 1 x Yew tree (tree 1), remove deadwood and rebalance crown; removal of ivy from 1 x Yew tree (tree 2); slight lift to crown of 1 x Yew tree; removal of self seeded plans within privet hedge at 75A High Street, Stony Stratford
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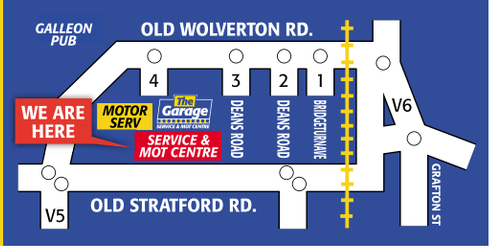

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This week Mick reveals his fondness for the Red Devils

I HAVE something of an affinity for Manchester United.

I'm a Sunderland fan as that's where I'm from, but one of my best friends, Tony Coton the goalkeeping coach, worked at Old Trafford for ten years.

They set the standard when the Premier League started and down the years they have had some fantastic players. I've got a soft spot for them.

The recent signing of Robin van Persie is a phenomenal one and I think they've needed that.

He's only 29, his goalscoring record is second to none and I'm sure Wayne Rooney and Van Persie will score 50 goals between the two of them. I think that will be the catalyst for them winning the league title.

Where he went is not something that I think was Arsenal's decision, as Van Persie probably decided where he wanted to go.

He had a year left on his contract, and he'd have demanded to go to Manchester United or he wouldn't have gone anywhere.

The call of United is probably as big as any club in the world in my opinion, and when you get the opportunity to sign for them I don't think good football people would stop you from going to a club of that intensity and that stature.

They've also brought in the Japanese midfielder Shinji Kagawa and I think he'll do a good job – everyone knows that United have lacked a top class midfield player in the past 12 to 18 months.

Whether they will sign another midfield player is something no-one knows, Alex Ferguson could be happy with his squad.

Either way, I think they'll win the Premier League comfortably this year.

MK NEWS nets cup

KARL Robinson would love to get his hands on this piece of silverware.

The Capital One Cup visited Milton Keynes and MK NEWS journalist Dan Palmer had a go at grasping the trophy.

Dons have been handed a home tie with Robinson's old club Blackburn Rovers in the second round, the reward for their penalties victory at League Two outfit Cheltenham Town last week.

The Dons boss worked as a coach at the relegated Premier League club who he will come face to face with again on Tuesday evening, with a 7.45pm kick-off at stadiummk.

Meanwhile, Dons will travel to local rivals Northampton Town on September 4, in the first round of the Johnstone's Paint Trophy.

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Relief: MK Dons had a lucky escape as Bournemouth's effort hit the bar

Battling display rescues point for ten-man Dons

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turning into a lovely pass for the well placed Lewis Grabban in the process.

Grabban turned expertly in the box and he calmly slotted the ball past David Martin to open the scoring.

Bournemouth were clearly lifted by the goal and Dons had a mountain to climb just moments later when Smith was shown a straight red card after his powerful sliding challenge on Harry Arter left the Cherries man pole-axed.

Robinson immediately made a defensive-looking tactical switch by bringing on Luke Chadwick in place of striker Charlie MacDonald, but it was now one-way traffic with Bournemouth pouring forward at will.

Dons were rattled and struggling to leave their own half and Arter's shot flew over the bar as the home side continued to press.

Martin pulled off a smart stop at his near post from Joe Partington's drive and Steve Cook headed wide from a free header, but the Dons defence held firm to take some hope into the break.

There was even a rare glimpse of goal late-on when Ryan Lowe's free-kick was driven into the wall, but Lewington sent the rebound over the top.

Bournemouth replaced Arter, who was on the receiving end of Smith's red card tackle, with veteran forward Steve Fletcher at half-time - a player so loved in Bournemouth that one of the stands is named after him.

The Cherries picked up from where they left off thanks to Partington's daisy-cutter which drifted inches wide but Dons began to show signs of fight and carved up a chance to level.

Dan Powell, who ran the Oldham defence ragged on Saturday, showed his pace for the first time by cruising past Miles Addison and he pulled it back for Dean Bowditch whose effort went just by the post.

Powell then managed to burst clean through but he tumbled under pressure from Addison, prompting a big reaction from the away bench when no foul was given.

This was easily the best Dons spell and shortly after the hour mark they made it count.

MacKenzie started the move with a strong run from the back and Bowditch took over by darting into Bournemouth territory.

He fed Powell who dinked a delightful chip over Shwan Jalal to level a match which Dons had looked well out of.

It was now a completely different game thanks to Dons' battling comeback but Bournemouth thought they had regained the lead courtesy of Lee Barnard's close-ranger.

Dons, however, were saved by an offside flag and then the woodwork came to the rescue when Cook's header pinged off the bar.

Barnard should have done better with a header from six yards as the hosts began to crank up the pressure in the latter stages in a desperate search for a winner.

It was a nervy final few minutes for Dons, never more so than when Chadwick's back header went just wide of his own goal, but timely blocks and some ferocious last ditch defending kept the scores level.

Four minutes of injury time passed without incident and the ten men left with a point that they will be much the happier with.

Bournemouth: Jalal, Francis, Daniels, Barnard, Addison, Pugh, O'Kane, Partington, Arter (Fletcher 46), Cook, Grabban (Tubbs 78). Unused subs: Flahavan, Thomas, Wakefield, Gregory, Zubar.

Dons: Martin, Otsemobor, Lewington, MacKenzie, Potter, Bowditch (O'Shea 90), MacDonald (Chadwick 21), Smith, Chicksen, Powell, Lowe (Ibehre 70). Unused subs: McLoughlin, Alli, Galloway.

Attendance: 5,407 (271)

Battling for possession: The two sides slug it out

LEAGUE ONE TABLE

		Home					Away						
	Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
1	Tranmere	2	1	0	0	3	1	1	0	0	3	0	5	6
2	Doncaster	2	1	0	0	2	1	1	0	0	3	0	4	6
3	Notts County	2	1	0	0	2	0	1	0	0	2	1	3	6
4	Swindon Town	2	1	0	0	3	0	0	1	0	0	0	3	4
5	Yeovil Town	2	0	1	0	1	1	1	0	0	3	1	2	4
6	MK Dons	2	1	0	0	2	0	0	1	0	1	1	2	4
7	Sheffield Utd	2	1	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	1	1	1	4
8	Stevenage	2	0	1	0	1	1	1	0	0	1	0	1	4
9	Crawley Town	2	1	0	0	3	0	0	0	1	0	3	0	3
10	Crewe Alex	2	0	0	1	1	2	1	0	0	2	1	0	3
11	Shrewsbury	2	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	3
12	Portsmouth	2	0	1	0	1	1	0	1	0	2	2	0	2
13	Bournemouth	2	0	1	0	1	1	0	1	0	1	1	0	2
14	Colchester Utd	2	0	1	0	2	2	0	1	0	0	0	0	2
15	Coventry City	2	0	1	0	1	1	0	1	0	1	1	0	2
16	Bury	2	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	2	-1	1
17	Preston NE	2	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	-1	1
18	Brentford	2	0	0	1	1	3	0	1	0	0	0	-2	1
19	Oldham Ath	2	0	1	0	1	1	0	0	1	0	2	-2	1
20	Hartlepool	2	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	2	-2	1
21	Carlisle United	2	0	0	1	0	3	0	1	0	1	1	-3	1
22	Walsall	2	0	0	1	0	3	0	1	0	1	1	-3	1
23	Leyton Orient	2	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	1	1	3	-3	0
24	Scunthorpe	2	0	0	1	1	2	0	0	1	0	3	-4	0

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ATHLETICS

Greg eyes more long jump titles

Gold: But Greg wants more

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relatively under the radar, something which may have benefitted him but will no longer be the case thanks to the media scrum which has greeted his Olympic success.

From now on, Rutherford will always be tipped to triumph but that is something that he relishes.

The Olympic champion's return to action is scheduled for Sunday's Diamond League meeting in Birmingham and he is very much looking to the future and the possibility of more major championship success.

"I can't rest on what I've done already," he said. "It's about getting ready for the next one. "I've got World Championships, Europeans, Commonwealth Games and of course another Olympics.

"As much as I am Olympic champion, there's plenty for me to work for."

ATHLETICS

MK miss medals

SOME excellent MK Athletic Club performances didn't produce medals at the England U17/U15 championships.

Daniel Oderinde was sixth in the U17 100m final after twice breaking his personal best - with a fastest time of 10.88s.

Lewis Barnes was seventh in the shot and discuss and Jonathan Pownall was fourth in the U15 javelin after a throw of 51.01m.

TRIATHLON

Local winner of national champs

THE English National Triathlon Championships were held in Emberton on Sunday and fittingly it was a city athlete who picked up the victory.

Phil Holland, who races for Corley Cycles in the Milton Keynes, came home first in scorching conditions on the Olympic distance course.

He said: "It's a fantastic achievement to win this title, especially in a year where triathlon is more widely appreciated, and I'm very happy to have raced well.

"I have been doing triathlon for a few years now, but it's great to have an event such as this in my local area."

The race consisted of a 1,500m open water swim in the lake at Emberton Country Park, a 40km bike ride and a 10km run.

Phil finished the race in 1.55.01, just ahead of second placed Harry Springall who came home in 1.55.40.

BASKETBALL

New looks ahead with young stars

MIKE New wasn't interested in staying on as Lions head coach after the club's move from Milton Keynes to London was confirmed.

Fourteen years of professional basketball in the city has been brought to an end thanks to the switch to the capital, the result of the homeless Lions being unable to find anywhere to play after they were ordered out of their Winterhill base to make way for a new shopping development.

Rebranded as London Lions, the team will initially play at Crystal Palace before moving into the Olympic Park's Copper Box in time for the 2013/14 British Basketball League (BBL) season.

In the process New, *pictured*, became the last ever coach of the MK Lions and he will now be staying in the city to carry on his work with young hopefuls and the MK College basketball programme.

Club owner Vince Macaulay, a former MK Lions coach himself, will return to the sidelines to take charge at Crystal Palace.

"London would have been too big of a commitment for me," New told MK SPORT.

"I go home and away with the youth sides and there would be too much travelling if I had to go back and forth from London too.

"We had spoken about me staying if the team stayed in Milton Keynes, but when they left it was a no brainer for me.

"My roots and my family are here, and Vince understands my position."

Despite having to leave his BBL job New insists that he isn't disappointed by the turn of events, although he admits that he thought a new home in the city would be found.

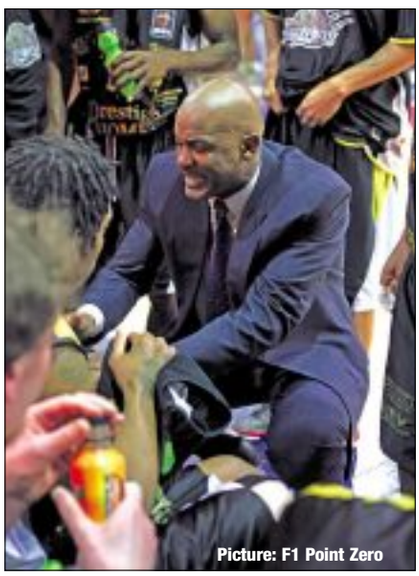
He said: "I got word that we may have to leave shortly before the end of last season.

"I thought we would find an alternative or that somebody would step up to help us, but you just have to take the punches and move on.

"I'm not disappointed, I'm more excited as I can offer more time to the junior teams, spend more time with my family and go to BBL games just as a fan again.

"I'm an optimist and when one door closes another one opens."

New, a former player, was in charge at Lions for two seasons but the side missed out on the end of season play-offs on both occasions. I learnt a lot but I dare not name a highlight," he said. "The players respected me as a coach and as a person, and that's all you can ask for."



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Youth basketball in the area is something New, who has helped players to university scholarships in the sport, is clearly passionate about.

He recently coached a team largely made up of MK College players to a bronze medal at the prestigious Delfin Tournament in Finland, with Kevin Moyo named as most valuable player.

The side won 12 games and were often younger than their opponents.

New said: "When they collected their medals I was so proud there were tears in my eyes. They stepped up big."

ICE HOCKEY

Big players back as Poole hunts for trophies

LIGHTNING player coach Nick Poole is full of optimism ahead of the new ice hockey season after he put the finishing touches to his roster.

Forward Leigh Jamieson committed to the team for two more years to complete the Lightning squad ahead of another push for trophies.

The city side missed out on silverware last term which Poole is keen to make up for, and he believes he has the players to do it.

There have been departures during the summer but everyone considered as a key player will skate in Lightning colours again. Poole, *pictured*, has also made some shrewd additions to the line-up.

He told MK SPORT: "We've brought back all of the guys who are priorities. We needed to bring in fresh blood to liven things up a bit, and now we have one of the strongest teams we've put together."

Defender Dan Harris is a new arrival for the city skaters, as are attacking trio Adam Calder, Nicky Chinn and Chris Wiggins.

Veteran net minder Barry Hollyhead has retired after six consecutive seasons, but Lightning have signed the appropriately named Stephen Wall, who will challenge Alex Mettam between the posts, and they have also handed a chance to local young stopper Jordan Hedley.

Meanwhile, Jamie Line, Tom Norton, Muzzy Wales and Matt Towalski have all left the club.

"It's tough to lose players but we're really excited about the new season," Poole said.

"For the last couple of years the team has been

right there competing for trophies and we hope that this time we can get at least one."

Calder, the all-time Elite League top points scorer, is an exciting addition and the recapture of Jamieson is another big plus as the defender turned forward could have left after a superb season.

Poole said: "I don't want to put pressure on Adam, but at times we lacked offensive punch last season.

"Leigh is a local lad and the last player we would want to lose to another club."

The squad have so far been restricted to off-ice work while repairs were made to the rink at Planet Ice, which Poole claimed hasn't been a setback.

"It's full steam ahead now," he said.

ROWING

Popular club set for third regatta

MK Rowing Club are preparing to host their third regatta, with the sport currently enjoying a post Olympic boom.

Races will take place on Caldecotte South Lake, from the bridge towards the nature reserve, over a 600m course which ends just past the Watersports Centre.

Three invited clubs, Northampton, Bedford Rowing Club and Oundle will be racing MK Rowing Club throughout the day with juniors, seniors and masters competing in a variety of boats from singles to eights.

The regatta takes place from 10am to 4pm on Saturday, September 1 and gives everyone an opportunity to race, even those at beginner level.

Last year there were races between crews who had recently completed the Learn to Row course.

Anyone who caught the rowing bug during London 2012 can watch the action from anywhere on the South Lake.

Recently, results on the water have been good for the club, with members winning three silver medals at this year's National Masters Championships and a gold medal at Masters Henley, to add to a considerable number of significant wins at local and regional events.

Great Britain's Olympic medal haul has now led to an increased interest in rowing in Milton Keynes which the club cannot cope with.

Secretary Louise Rivett said: "We have actually become victims of our own success this year as we have worked very hard to attract new members to the sport, in the spirit of the Olympics 2012, but we have been so successful that we are now overwhelmed with new members and don't have enough boats or other expensive equipment that is required to get them all out on the water.

"We also have 120 people on a waiting list for our Learn to Row courses and we simply can't accommodate everyone in our current situation."

The club, which was founded in 1995, is currently looking for businesses to help sponsor the regatta and the long term ambitions of the club. For more details visit www.mkrowing.org.

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Poole delighted with Lightning's fresh blood

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Mine's a point: Dan Powell levels the score after the Dons were down to ten men following Alan Smith's sending off, *inset*

Dan the man on off night

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DONS had a player sent off for the third time in as many games but fought back to claim a valuable point thanks to a battling second half performance at Bournemouth.

There have only been three matches during the season so far but one of Karl Robinson's men has been given his marching orders in each - Stephen Gleeson at Cheltenham, Antony Kay against Oldham and Alan Smith last night. The former England man was sent for an early shower in the first half with Dons already one down and hopes of taking anything from the game looked slim as the Cherries put the away goal under siege.

But a performance of real steel in the second half, which was full of heart and character, clawed the game back with Dan Powell levelling to grab an unlikely looking point.

Gary MacKenzie was the only recognised centre back in the squad which travelled to the south coast thanks to Kay's suspension, injuries to Shaun Williams and Mathias Doumbe and Tom Flanagan's loan spell at Gillingham.

Boss Robinson adjusted his back line by moving skipper Dean Lewington into the centre from left back, and for the first time he could call on the services of newly signed right-back Jon Otsemobor.

The game began in lively fashion with both sides demonstrating a desire to keep the ball on the floor, with quick-paced, passing football the order of the day. Bournemouth, like Dons, have expressed a desire to challenge for promotion this season and under new manager Paul Groves have boosted their ranks considerably since their 1-0 defeat to Robinson's men at Dean Court in February.

It looked set to be an entertaining contest but Dons had a nightmare couple of minutes when they lost both a goal and a man.

The Cherries broke the deficit when Charlie Daniels' effort on goal skewed horribly off target,

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Usain not a threat to ace Rutherford

GOLDEN boy Greg Rutherford has warned sprint king Usain Bolt against a move into the long jump – telling the Jamaican that he wouldn't be a match for him.

Bolt, who made history when he successfully defended both his 100m and 200m titles in London, has hinted that he wants a new challenge in time for Rio 2016 and the sand pit could be the answer.

The self proclaimed 'living legend' would like to follow in the footsteps of track and field greats like Jesse Owens and Carl Lewis who both added long jump gold to their sprint titles.

If the move happens it will be city Olympic champion Rutherford who Bolt tries to dethrone but our very own gold medallist has no fear about welcoming one of the world's most famous athletes to his event.

He told MK SPORT: "If he did the long jump I think I'd beat him no problem.

"People don't understand what it takes to be a long jumper to be totally honest.

"He might be able to run fast but let's see what his jumping ability is like. I reckon I would beat him easy."

Interestingly, Rutherford is hoping to move in the other direction and has vowed to run a few 100m races, alongside long jumping.

His goal is to break into the Great Britain 4x100m team but the track will never be his main focus.

"I'm going to run some hundreds and try to get into the relay team," he said.

"I'll see how that goes, but for me it's all about long jump.

"It's what I do and what I am best at. I know I'm never going to be Olympic champion at 100m but I know I can be in the long jump which I've proven."

An appearance by Bolt in the long jump in Rio would inevitably raise interest levels in the event – in contrast to London where the build up outside of Milton Keynes was fairly quiet.

Fellow Great Britain stars Jess Ennis and Mo Farah had been given most of the column inches but Rutherford, with the joint furthest long jump of the year to his name, should have been more widely tipped for glory. Instead he leapt to gold

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